



# Down the drain

## What is stormwater?

Every time it rains, water that can't soak into the ground flows into storm drains and ditches. This is called stormwater runoff. Along the way, the runoff picks up pollutants such as oil, lawn chemicals, trash, and soil. These pollutants go into the storm drain and dump into our lakes and streams -- some of the same lakes and streams that provide us with water to drink. The City's Water Resources Department works hard to manage stormwater so that we have a cleaner, healthier environment.

You can help keep our water clean by following a few simple rules. Use the code below to decipher some of the things you can do to prevent stormwater pollution.

1=A	5=E	9=I	13=M	17=Q	21=U	25=Y
2=B	6=F	10=J	14=N	18=R	22=V	26=Z
3=C	7=G	11=K	15=O	19=S	23=W	
4=D	8=H	12=L	16=P	20=T	24=X	

1. 4 15 14 20 12 9 20 20 5 18

2. 20 1 11 5 3 8 5 13 9 3 1 12 19 20 15 20 8 5 8 15 21 19 5 8 15 12 4

8 1 26 1 18 4 15 21 19 23 1 19 20 5 3 5 14 20 5 18

3. 22 15 12 21 14 20 5 5 18 20 15 8 5 12 16 13 1 18 11 19 20 15 18 13 4 18 1 9 14 19

Greensboro has managed its stormwater runoff since 1889!

